

STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

ACREAGE UNDER CROP - CEREALS AND HAY 1923-24.

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During the recent Annual Collection of Statistics, the acreage under, or intended to be sown with, Wheat, Barley, and Oats for the Season 1923-24 was obtained from each farm holding.

The grand total acreage under Wheat, Barley and Oats for all purposes is estimated to be 3,422,363 (3,449,460) acres, a decrease of 27,097 acres; Wheat and Barley have decreased sown areas of respectively 19,654 acres and 31,433 acres, whilst there is a probable increase of 23,990 acres under Oats. The following are the details:--

<u>CROP</u>	<u>1923-24</u> <u>Acres</u>	<u>1922-23</u> <u>Acres.</u>	<u>Increase</u> <u>Acres.</u>
WHEAT	2,810,937	2,830,591	- 19,654
BARLEY	194,545	225,978	- 31,433
OATS	416,881	392,891	23,990
Total	3,422,363	3,449,460	- 27,097

NUMBER OF HOLDINGS

Cereals and Hay are reported as being sown on 15,712 (16,176) holdings, wheat on 13,905 (14,218); Barley on 4,134 (4,391); Oats on 8,347 (8,700)

WHEAT AREAS IN DIVISIONS.

<u>Divisions.</u>	<u>1923-24</u> <u>Acres.</u>	<u>1922-23</u> <u>Acres</u>	<u>Increase</u> <u>Acres</u>
Central	617,816	651,258	- 33,442
Lower North	841,888	822,424	19,464
Upper North	255,669	265,434	- 9,765
South Eastern	26,857	50,716	- 23,859
Western	526,969	515,346	11,623
Murray Mallee	541,328	525,053	16,275
Outside	210	360	- 150
	2,810,937	2,830,591	- 19,654

The farmers at time of sowing their Wheat crop expected to reap 2,462,468 acres against 2,453,086 acres last season, and to cut for hay 349,469 (359,834) acres.

BARLEY 194,545 (225,978) acres, decrease 31,433 acres. Principal Districts showing decreases. County Fergusson 93,836 (106,243) acres, County Grey 12,058 (20,145).

OATS 416,881 (392,891) acres. Increase 23,990 acres.

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GOVERNMENT STATIST.